

Charles Tyler **Telecommunications Policy Division** Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Room 5-A452 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Nominations for Universal Service Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Numbers 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Mr. Tyler:

The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates ("NASUCA")¹ is pleased to support the nomination of Ellis Jacobs, Senior Attorney, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc., for the position of representative of low-income consumers on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC").²

As the Public Notice indicates, Mr. Jacobs currently holds this position on the USAC Board of Directors. As the resume attached to the nomination submitted by the National Consumer Law Center indicates,³ Mr. Jacobs is eminently qualified for the position. NASUCA supports his nomination.

Respectfully yours,

David Springe, Executive Director

¹ NASUCA is a voluntary association of 56 consumer advocate offices. NASUCA members represent the interests of utility consumers in 42 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Barbados and Jamaica. NASUCA is incorporated in Florida as a non-profit corporation. NASUCA's full members are designated by the laws of their respective jurisdictions to represent the interests of utility consumers before state and federal regulators and in the courts. Members operate independently from state utility commissions. Some NASUCA member offices are separately established advocate organizations while others are divisions of larger state agencies (e.g., the state Attorney General's office). NASUCA's associate and affiliate members also represent the interests of utility consumers but are not created by state law or do not have statewide authority. Some NASUCA member offices advocate in states whose respective state commissions do not have jurisdiction over certain telecommunications

² See Public Notice DA 17-891.

³ See https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1027130901905/NCLC%20USAC%20BOD%20Ellis%20Jacobs.pdf.

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